

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for on-line marketing of services over a network to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the method comprising the steps of:

providing to the purchaser over the network information relating to an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment;

accepting over the network and storing in a database registration information from the purchaser;

displaying over the network in conjunction with the on-line marketplace an identification of a plurality of services relating to the acquisition of industrial equipment;

accepting over the network input from the purchaser identifying at least one of the plurality of services relating to industrial equipment acquisition or use as to which the purchaser wishes to receive information; ~~and~~

transmitting to the purchaser information relating to the at least one service;

accepting from the purchaser information relating to the nature of the equipment as to which service information is to be received; and

transmitting to the at least one service provider information relating to the nature of the equipment as to which services are to be rendered.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one service provider comprises a plurality of service providers.

5. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises logistics services.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein logistics services comprise transport management.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein logistics services comprise shipment and export handling.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein logistics services comprise transport network services.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein logistics services comprise freight calculation services.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises payment services.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises on-call services.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises instrument services.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises financial services.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of services comprises logistics services, payment services, on call services, instrument services and financial services.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
accepting from the at least one service provider responsive information intended for the user; and
transmitting the information to the user;
wherein the information relating to the on-line marketplace comprises data reflecting actual transactions in the marketplace.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information relating to the at least one service comprises network address information to permit the user to contact the at least one service provider over the network.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information relating to the at least one service comprises information relating to the nature of the at least one service.

18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim **56 18**, wherein the information about the industrial equipment input by the purchaser comprises information relating to a physical dimension of the equipment.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim **56 18**, wherein the information about the industrial equipment input by the purchaser comprises information relating to the type of the equipment.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim **56 18**, wherein the information about the industrial equipment input by the purchaser comprises information relating to the value of the equipment.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim **56 18**, further comprising accepting input from a user indicating a request for an estimate of the price for the provision of services.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 22, further comprising the step of accepting from the at least one service provider information relating to the requested estimate.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of presenting to the user at least a subset of the information from the service provider relating to the requested estimate

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~56~~ 48, further comprising the step of accepting an indication from the purchaser that its permission is given to transmit to the service provider at least a subset of the information relating to the identity of the purchaser.

26. (Original) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of transmitting to the at least one service provider the subset of the information relating to the identity of the purchaser.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for on-line marketing of services to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the method comprising the steps of:

providing to an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment information relating to ~~the services~~ **for either industrial equipment acquisition or use and information regarding industrial equipment for which services are sought;**

receiving from the on-line marketplace a code identifying the purchaser and information relating to the industrial equipment; and

transmitting to the on-line service provider information responsive to the purchasers request, the information transmitted in conjunction with the purchaser identification code.

28. (Original) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of receiving information relating to the identity of the purchaser.

29. (Original) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising the steps of establishing contact with the purchaser and transmitting a message to the on-line marketplace relating to the contact with the purchaser.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment, in which prospective and actual purchasers of industrial equipment can select among a plurality of services relating to either or both of the acquisition and use of industrial equipment and request information relating to each selected service, and wherein

the request for information may include information relating to particular industrial equipment that is the subject of an actual or prospective purchase, the method comprising:

generating a purchaser service request record comprising information representing the identity of the purchaser of industrial equipment; ~~and~~

including in the purchaser service request record a service indicator for each service selected by the purchaser, the service indicator being a function of the identity of each respective, selected service; and

including in the purchaser service request record information relating to the particular industrial equipment.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein at least one of the service providers generates information responsive to the purchaser request, further comprising the step of including in the purchaser service request record information relating to the responsive information generated by the service provider.

33. (Original) The method according to claim 32, further comprising the steps of: determining whether the purchaser receives the responsive information; and including in the purchaser service request record a purchaser information receipt indicator that is a function of whether the purchaser received the responsive information.

34. (Original) The method according to claim 33, further comprising the steps of: computing a monetary value that is a function of the purchaser information receipt indicator; and transmitting the monetary value to the service provider that provided the responsive information.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the responsive information comprises data reflecting a price estimate for service.

36. (Original) A method for on-line marketing of services to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment;
- accepting and storing in a database purchaser registration information;
- providing an identification of a service relating to the industrial equipment;
- accepting input from a registered purchaser identifying its interest in receiving information relating to the service;
- accepting input from the purchaser relating to the equipment as to which services are to be rendered;
- assigning a code to the registered purchaser;
- accepting input from the purchaser indicating a request for an estimate of the price for the provision of services;
- transmitting to the provider of the at least one service information relating to the request for an estimate and information relating to the code assigned to the user; and
- accepting from the at least one service provider information relating to the requested estimate.

37. (Original) The method according to claim 36, further comprising the step of presenting to the user at least a subset of the information from the service provider relating to the requested estimate.

38. (Original) The method according to claim 37, further comprising the step of accepting an indication from the user that its permission is given to transmit to the service provider at least a subset of purchaser registration information.

39. (Original) The method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of transmitting to the at least one service provider the subset of user registration information.

40. **(Currently Amended)** A system for on-line marketing of services to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the system comprising:

means for providing to the purchaser over the network information relating to an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment;

means for accepting over the network and storing in a database registration information from the purchaser;

means for displaying over the network in conjunction with the on-line marketplace an identification of a plurality of services relating to the acquisition of industrial equipment;

means for accepting over the network input from the purchaser identifying at least one of the plurality of industrial equipment acquisition or use services as to which the purchaser wishes to receive information and information associated with industrial equipment for which the at least one identified service is sought; and

means for transmitting to the purchaser information relating to the at least one service.

41. (Original) The system according to claim 40, further comprising:

means for accepting from the at least one service provider responsive information intended for the user; and

means for transmitting the information to the user;

wherein the information relating to the on-line marketplace comprises data reflecting actual transactions in the marketplace.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A system for on-line marketing of services to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the system comprising:

means for providing to an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment information relating to ~~the~~ services for either industrial equipment acquisition or use and information regarding industrial equipment for which services are sought;

means for receiving from the on-line marketplace a code identifying the purchaser and information relating to the industrial equipment; and

means for transmitting to the on-line service provider information responsive to the purchasers request, the information transmitted in conjunction with the purchaser identification code.

44. (Original) The system according to claim 43, further comprising means for receiving information relating to the identity of the purchaser.

45. (Original) The system according to Claim 44, further comprising the steps of establishing contact with the purchaser and transmitting a message to the on-line marketplace relating to the contact with the purchaser.

46. **(Currently Amended)** A system for use in an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment, in which prospective and actual purchasers of industrial equipment can select among a plurality of services relating to either or both of the acquisition and use of industrial equipment and request information relating to each selected service, and wherein the request for information may include information relating to particular industrial equipment that is the subject of an actual or prospective purchase, the system comprising:

means for generating a purchaser service request record comprising information representing the identity of the purchaser of industrial equipment; **and**

means for including in the purchaser service request record a service indicator for each service selected by the purchaser, the service indicator being a function of the identity of each respective, selected service; **and**

means for including in the purchaser service request record information relating to the particular industrial equipment.

47. **(Cancelled)**

48. (Original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the service providers generates information responsive to the purchaser request, further comprising means for including in the purchaser service request record information relating to the responsive information generated by the service provider.

49. (Original) The system according to claim 48, further comprising:
means for determining whether the purchaser receives the responsive information; and
means for including in the purchaser service request record a purchaser information receipt indicator that is a function of whether the purchaser received the responsive information.

50. (Original) The system according to claim 49, further comprising:
means for computing a monetary value that is a function of the purchaser information receipt indicator; and
means for transmitting the monetary value to the service provider that provided the responsive information.

51. (Original) The system according to claim 48, wherein the responsive information comprises data reflecting a price estimate for service.

52. (Original) A system for on-line marketing of services to a prospective or actual purchaser of an item of industrial equipment, the services relating to either or both of the acquisition or use of the industrial equipment, the system comprising:
means for providing an on-line marketplace for industrial equipment;
means for accepting and storing in a database purchaser registration information;
means for providing an identification of a service relating to the industrial equipment;
means for accepting input from a registered purchaser identifying its interest in receiving information relating to the service;
means for accepting input from the purchaser relating to the equipment as to which services are to be rendered;
means for assigning a code to the registered purchaser;
means for accepting input from the purchaser indicating a request for an estimate of the price for the provision of services;
means for transmitting to the provider of the at least one service information relating to the request for an estimate and information relating to the code assigned to the user; and
means for accepting from the at least one service provider information relating to the requested estimate.

53. (Original) The system according to claim 52, further comprising means for presenting to the user at least a subset of the information from the service provider relating to the requested estimate.

54. (Original) The system according to claim 53, further comprising means for accepting an indication from the user that its permission is given to transmit to the service provider at least a subset of purchaser registration information.

55. (Original) The system according to claim 54, further comprising means for transmitting to the at least one service provider the subset of user registration information.

56. (New) A method for the on-line marketing of services relating to either or both of industrial equipment acquisition or use to a prospective or actual industrial equipment purchaser, the method comprising:

- providing an on-line industrial equipment service marketplace;
- accepting, from the purchaser, identifying information;
- storing the purchaser identifying information in a database;
- accepting, from the purchaser, input identifying selection of at least one of a plurality of services regarding which the purchaser wishes to receive information;
- accepting, from the purchaser, information concerning industrial equipment for which the at least one selected service is sought;
- transmitting a purchaser identification code, information concerning the at least one selected industrial equipment service and the industrial equipment information to at least one provider of the selected service;
- receiving, from the at least one service provider, information responsive to the transmitted information; and
- transmitting to the purchaser the responsive information from the at least one service provider for purchaser consideration.

57. (New) A system for providing the on-line marketing of services relating to either or both of industrial equipment acquisition or use to a prospective or actual industrial equipment purchaser, comprising:

- means for providing an on-line industrial equipment service marketplace;
- means for accepting, from the purchaser, identifying information;
- means storing the purchaser identifying information in a database;

means for accepting, from the purchaser, input identifying selection of at least one of a plurality of services regarding which the purchaser wishes to receive information and information concerning industrial equipment for which the at least one selected service is sought;

means for transmitting a purchaser identification code, information concerning the at least one selected industrial equipment service and the industrial equipment information to at least one provider of the selected service;

means for receiving, from the at least one service provider, information responsive to the transmitted information; and

means for transmitting to the purchaser the responsive information from the at least one service provider for purchaser consideration.